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## In the Claims:

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9. A method of testing a sequential access memory array for storing p words each of n bits, the method comprising:

writing p test words each made up of n test bits in the memory array;

sequentially extracting the p test words from the memory array; and

comparing the test bits of the extracted test words with expected data bits so that for each test word extracted, the corresponding n test bits are compared sequentially with n

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